(d) what action Government has taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) State Government has been requested to consider moderation of the rate of sales tax imposed on Aviation Turbine Fuel (ATF) and align it with the "Declared Goods" rate of 4%. Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Kerala have since reduced the sales tax on ATF to 4%. Government of Rajasthan has also reduced the sales tax on ATF to 4% in case of the following:—

1. Airlines which establish a 'HUB' in the State.

2. Registered Flying clubs for their training flights; and

3. Airlines which for the first time connect cities of the State having no air service, the exemption would be limited to such flights only.

Government of Maharashtra has also announced reduction of Sales tax on ATF from 25% to 4% for flights from airports other than Pune and Mumbai.

(b) to (d) At present, scheduled domestic airlines are charging fuel surcharge varying between Rs. 1800/- to Rs. 2000/- per passenger per sector depending upon sector distance.

Domestic air fare are not regulated by the Government. Domestic airlines are free to charge air fares as per the market forces.

Profits of cement, steel and paper manufacturing companies

†4168. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of CORPORATE AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of the continuous rise in prices for years there has also been a constant increase in the profits of companies engaged in the manufacturing of cement, steel and paper;

(b) if so, the details of increase in the profits of the big companies engaged in the manufacturing of the above products during the period from April, 2006 to December, 2007; and

(c) what is the additional production capacity established and the additional investments made during the above period in each of these industries?

THE MINISTER OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Discovery of ancient civilization in Rajasthan

†4169. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether relics of ancient civilization have been discovered in Rajasthan apart from Pilibanga and Aaeid;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any project pertaining to discovery of relics is under consideration of Government; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) For the field season 2007-08 (October, 2007—September, 2008), the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has issued permissions for excavations at (i) Khatgarh, district Bundi (ii) Bajaur-Ka-Kheda, district Sikar and (iii) Nathara-Ki-Pal, district Udaipur in Rajasthan.

Statement

List of sites that have revealed ancient relics of past civilizations through excavation in Rajasthan

Sl. No.	Name of the site	District	Cultural Assemblage
1	2	3	4
1.	Noh	Bharatpur	Early Historic
2.	Lachhora	Bhilwara	Chalcolithic
3.	Ojiyana	Bhilwara	Chalcolithic
4.	Nagari	Chittaurgarh	Early Historical
5.	Dondev Khera	Dholpur	Chalcolithic & Early Historic
6.	Rangmahal	Ganganagar	Early Historic
7.	Tarkhanwaladera	Ganganagar	Harappan
8.	Chak 86	Ganganagar	Early Historic
9.	Baror	Ganganagar	Harappan
10.	Kalibangan	Hanumangarh	Harappan
11.	Bairat	Jaipur	Early Historical
12.	Jodhpura	Jaipur	Early Historic
13.	Sunari	Jhunjhunu	Early Historic
14.	Bhinmal	Jodhpur	Early Medieval
15.	Juna Khera	Pali	Early Medieval
16.	Nodol	Pali	Chauhan period

1	2	3	4
17.	Ganeswar	Sikar	Chalcolithic
18.	Ahar	Udaipur	Chalcolithic
19.	Gilund	Udaipur	Chalcolithic
20.	Zawar	Udaipur	Historical
21.	Balathal	Udaipur	Chalcolithic

Excavation in middle and lower town by ASI

4170. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) wants to conduct further excavation especially in middle and lower towns at Dholavira to make the site more presentable to scholars and visitors;

(b) whether any plan has been framed to put a regular conservation unit at the site for day-to-day maintenance; and

(c) the progress made to pursue the matter of enlisting the site as world heritage under UNESCO?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) There is no such proposal at present.

(b) The Vadodara Circle of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) undertakes the maintenance of the site through its sub-circle located at Bhuj.

(c) In 2006, Dholavira was included in the tentative list for inscription as a World Heritage Site.

Vacancies of technical staff in ASI and NAI

4171. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of vacancies of technical/professional staff in the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and National Archives of India (NAI) including Head of Departments;

(b) since when these posts have fallen vacant; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to fill these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) The information regarding technical/professional staff in the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and National Archives of India (NAI) including Heads of Departments is given in the Statement I and II respectively (*See* below).

(c) DPCs meet from time to time for filling up for promotional vacancies. Direct Recruitment vacancies are proposed to be filled up under the optimization scheme.